Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* That has come to the notice of the Government. The Hon'ble Minister is considering all questions connected with this samajam and the Diwan Peishkar and Advocate-General have been asked to make a report on all the points.

SANSKRIT PANDITS—QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

84. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether preference in appointment as pandits is given to those who hold the certificates of the Cochin Government Pandits' examinations or the certificates or diplomas of the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura over the certificate or diploma holders of Madras or Travancore;

(*b*) if not, will the Government be pleased to inform whether they are aware that neither the Madras nor Travancore Governments recognise the certificates or diplomas of our Government or our Sanskrit College;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) above is in the affirmative, whether the Government be pleased to state whether there was not a single applicant from the State who had neither the Government Sanskrit Pandit certificate nor the Diploma nor certificate of the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura when the appointment of Mr. K. M. Govindan Ezhuthassan as Sanskrit Pandit was made as No. 6 in the Service Order No. 43 published in the Gazette dated 23rd Mithunam 1115?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. But it has been recently ordered that among applicants from the same community Bhushanas should be given preference for appointment as Sanskrit Pandits to Vidwans and Siromanis.

(*b*) No information.

(*c*) There were no candidates from the Ezhuthassan community. But there was one in the "Other Hindu Backward or Depressed" community with previous acting service.

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